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About Us

Panther Protection Services, LLC is a full-service protection agency performing threat assessments, risk and crisis mitigation, protective services, self-defense training, and firearms instruction. We understand the distinction between protecting people and protecting property. Our primary focus is on effective, discreet client protection-- thus our motto "swift but silent." Our team members are disciplined, dedicated professionals who possess the most important personal protection skill – threat avoidance.

Our goal is personal risk mitigation for our clients, while enhancing their ability to function safely within their business and social environments. Our commitment is to deploying protection of the highest industry standard on all assignments.

Through our training division Panther University our goal is to make our students instructor independent vs. instructor dependent. We developed the firearms training curriculum to help law abiding citizens enhance their knowledge on safe firearms handling and provide them with a platform to build solid defensive firearms skills.

Many people buy firearms due to safety concerns for themselves or their loved ones. Without fundamental training in safe handling, gun owners risk creating dangerous situations instead of providing protective conditions. Despite the number of legally owned firearms, most law-abiding citizens are ill trained to deal with life threatening confrontations. It is critically important that firearm owners master simple repeatable defensive countermeasures that can help them survive violent encounters.

Our instruction employs a straightforward threat focused dynamic approach designed to show students how to maximize control in life threatening situations by employing fundamental firearms skills. There is no such thing as advanced shooting there is only advanced application of the basics or doing the fundamentals on demand.



Mark "Six" James is the Founder and Executive Director of Panther Protection Services, LLC he is a seasoned Close Protection Operator/Executive Protection Specialist with over 30 years of firearms, martial arts and celebrity/executive protection experience.

No stranger to building high performance teams, prior to starting Panther Protection Services, he was a former corporate executive and ran business units for such distinguished brands as Coca-Cola, Nike, and Miller Heiman. He got started in the security and protection business by providing firearms training to legislators, judicial members, and several business executives. He later became the Chief Security Officer and personal bodyguard for many of those same clients. He has performed protective services in over forty (40) countries across five (5) continents and regularly protects government officials, corporate executives, entertainers as well as professional athletes. As a crisis and risk mitigation specialist, he specializes in enhancing individual as well as corporate safety protocols through evidence-based threat assessments. He regularly provides situational awareness, crisis management, de-escalation, firearms and combatives training to a number of bodyguard training academies, security companies, executive protection agencies, law enforcement officers as well as private citizens.

He is also a member of the British Bodyguard Association, North American Bodyguard Association, The Summit Group, The Academy of High Threat Protective Studies, Anti-Terrorism Accreditation Board (ATAB), honor graduate of the International Academy of Executive Protection Agents, recipient of the prestigious Golden Gun Award, honor graduate of ICON Services Celebrity and VIP Training and Advanced Executive Protection Course, International Close Quarters Protection Operators Association, International Association of Close Quarter Combat Specialist, International Defensive Pistol Association, Greater Atlanta Defensive Pistol Association, Kuroshi-Do Martial Arts Hall of Fame, and the Sikaron Karate Federation where he holds the rank of 6th Dan and Kenpotaijetsu RB MMA where he holds the rank of 4th Dan. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Public Relations from Florida A&M University.

■ He is an internationally published author, keynote speaker, security consultant to educational institutions and frequent contributor to a number of print, broadcast and online media, and the author of a number of security, firearm and protection publications:

- Common Sense Self-Defense - *A Woman's Self-Defense Survival Guide*
- Defensive Handgun - *Preparing to Prevail*
- Defensive Handgun II – *Keys to Becoming Your Own First Line of Defense*
- Defensive Shotgun - *Mastering the Versatility*
- Inside the Bubble – *Lessons Learned from a Life in Business and Protective Services*

Common Sense Self-Defense
"A Woman's Self-Defense Survival Guide"

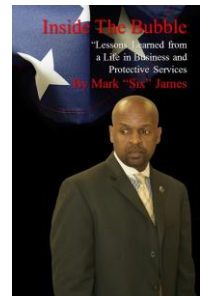
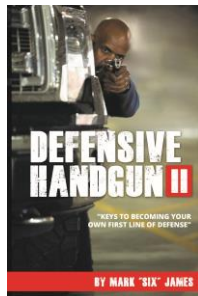


Tactics for Surviving and Avoiding an Assault
by MARK JAMES

Defensive Handgun
"Preparing to Prevail"



Tactics for Surviving a Tactical or Defensive Encounter
by Mark James





“Only hits count, you can’t miss
fast enough to catch up!”

Modern Pistol Fundamentals

This course is designed to give the individual a good working knowledge of the firearm and its application in a defensive situation. Our goal at Panther Protection Services is to help our students become instructor independent vs. instructor dependent.

Our mission is to provide basic firearm safety, practical firearm self defense training, and promote a healthy and safe lifestyle. This is hands on training designed to help you increase your ability to defend your life or that of a loved one or associate.

At the conclusion of the workshop, you will understand:

- Understand why we own firearms
- Understand basic firearm safety
- Understand firearm liability
- Understand your firearm and how it works
- Understand some key considerations for selecting a firearm
- Understand some key considerations for selecting a holster
- Understand how bullets work and their different performance characteristics
- Understand the Fundamentals of Pistol Marksmanship
- Understand how to maintain Range Safety
- Understand the two leading theories on stopping power and shot Placement
- Understand the importance of maintaining continuity of fire
- Understand safe handling techniques for misfires, failure to fires, failure to eject etc.
- Understand critical Georgia firearm codes
- Be able to transfer the concepts to the range (live firing)

What you will need: Comfortable clothes; bring the pistol you normally carry or the one you and your family use for home protection; bring your holster if you have one (no shoulder holsters please); bring your extra magazines; magazine holders; speed loaders for revolvers; ear and eye protection.

Ammunition: 100 rounds, no ammo or loaded guns allowed in the classroom session.

Course length: 4 hours (Classroom and range time)



“It is critically important that handgun owners master simple, repeatable countermeasures that can help them survive violent encounters. My goal as a firearm instructor is to help my students become instructor independent vs. instructor dependent .”



Defensive Handgun I - Tactical Movement and the Use of Cover

This course is designed to enhance your personal defensive firearms skills. This is not a basic course and is not designed for beginners. It will introduce participants to realistic situations they will potentially face in their day-to-day environment.

Some of the topics we will cover are:

- Handgun Marksmanship Review
- Balancing Speed and Accuracy
- Effective Trigger Manipulation
- Handgun Fighting Positions
- Increasing your Defensive Options
- Enhancing your Weapon Presentation
- Maintaining Continuity of Fire
- Managing Malfunctions
- 360-degree Close Quarter Engagement
- Shooting on the Move
- Dealing with Multiple Adversaries
- Effective use of Cover
- Weapons Retention and Disarming

This is up close and personal training designed to help you increase your ability to defend your life or that of a loved one or associate. What you will need:

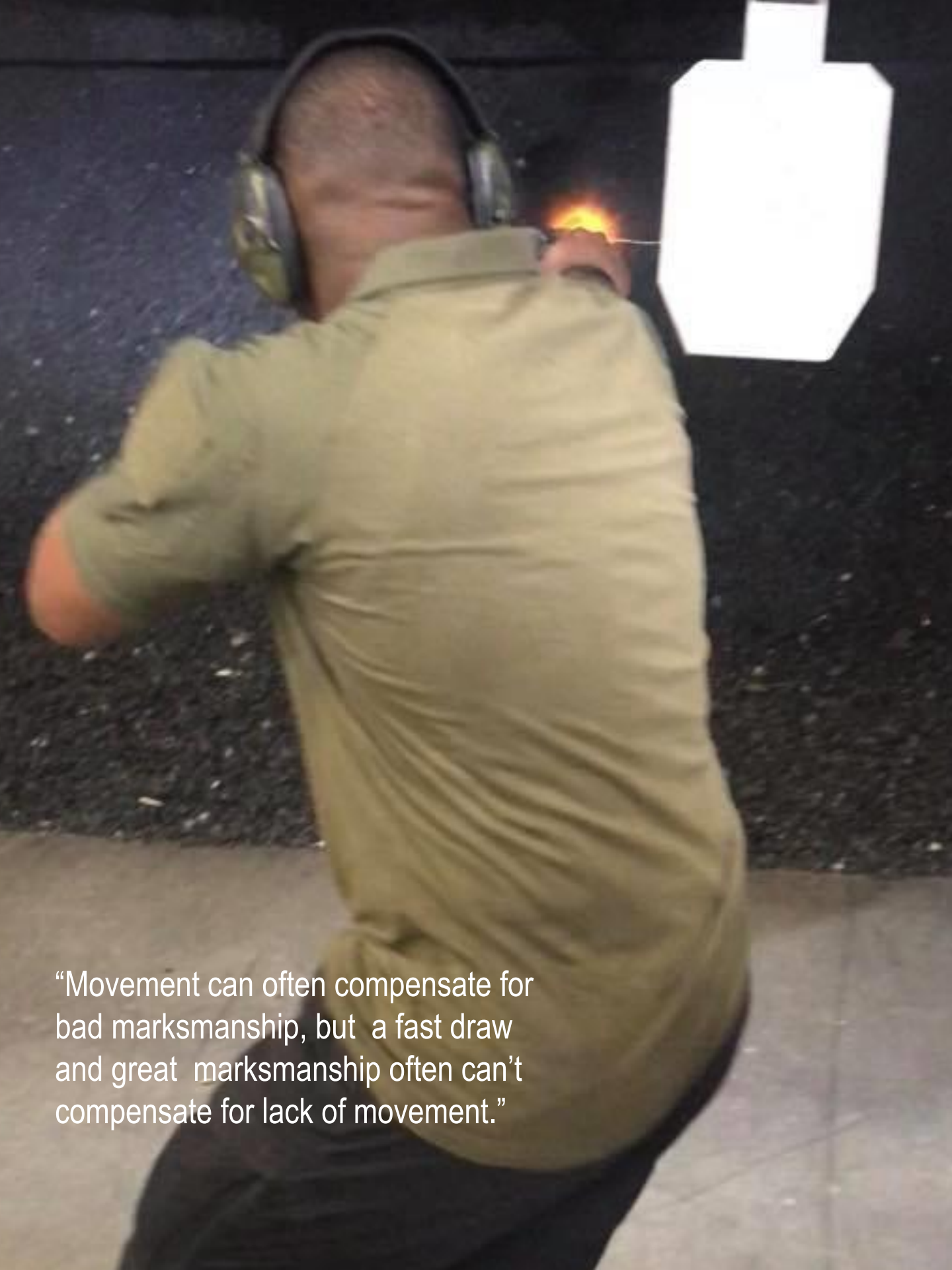
Requirements: Pistol (bring the handgun you normally carry or use for home protection); holster (no shoulder holsters please); 3 magazines; magazine holders; ear and eye protection, kneepads optional but encouraged.

Ammunition: Approximately 250 rounds (minimum)

Additional Considerations: Bring your lunch, water, Gatorade etc.

Course length: 8 hours





“Movement can often compensate for bad marksmanship, but a fast draw and great marksmanship often can’t compensate for lack of movement.”

Defensive Handgun II – Working from Concealment and Introduction to Fighting in and around your Vehicle

This course is designed to enhance your personal defensive firearms skills. This is not a basic course and is not designed for beginners. It will introduce participants to realistic situations they will potentially face in their day-to-day environment. The entire training will be done from concealment.

Some of the topics we will cover are:

- Working from Concealment
- Managing Corners
- Dealing with multiple adversaries from cover and during movement
- Effective use of Cover
- Fighting with one hand
- Injured Operator countermeasures
- Introduction to utilization of edged and/or impact weapons
- Introduction to fighting in and around your vehicle
- Extreme Close Quarter Engagement
- Weapons retention and disarming

This is up close and personal training designed to help you increase your ability to defend your life or that of a loved one or associate. What you will need:

Requirements: Pistol (bring the handgun you normally carry or use for home protection); holster (no shoulder holsters please); 3 magazines; magazine holders; cover garment (open front and close front), edged weapon (knife) or impact flashlight, ear and eye protection.

Ammunition: Approximately 300 rounds (minimum)

Additional Considerations: Bring your lunch, water, Gatorade etc.

Course length: 8 hours





“An escape beats an encounter every
time. But when we can’t escape
WE MUST BE ALL IN!”

“In a potential deadly force situation, if you can drive away!, drive away. If you can't drive away. If you can't get out of that killing box, and seek hard cover”



The CCW Holder's Response to Surviving an Active Shooter and Other Civilian Mass Casualty Events

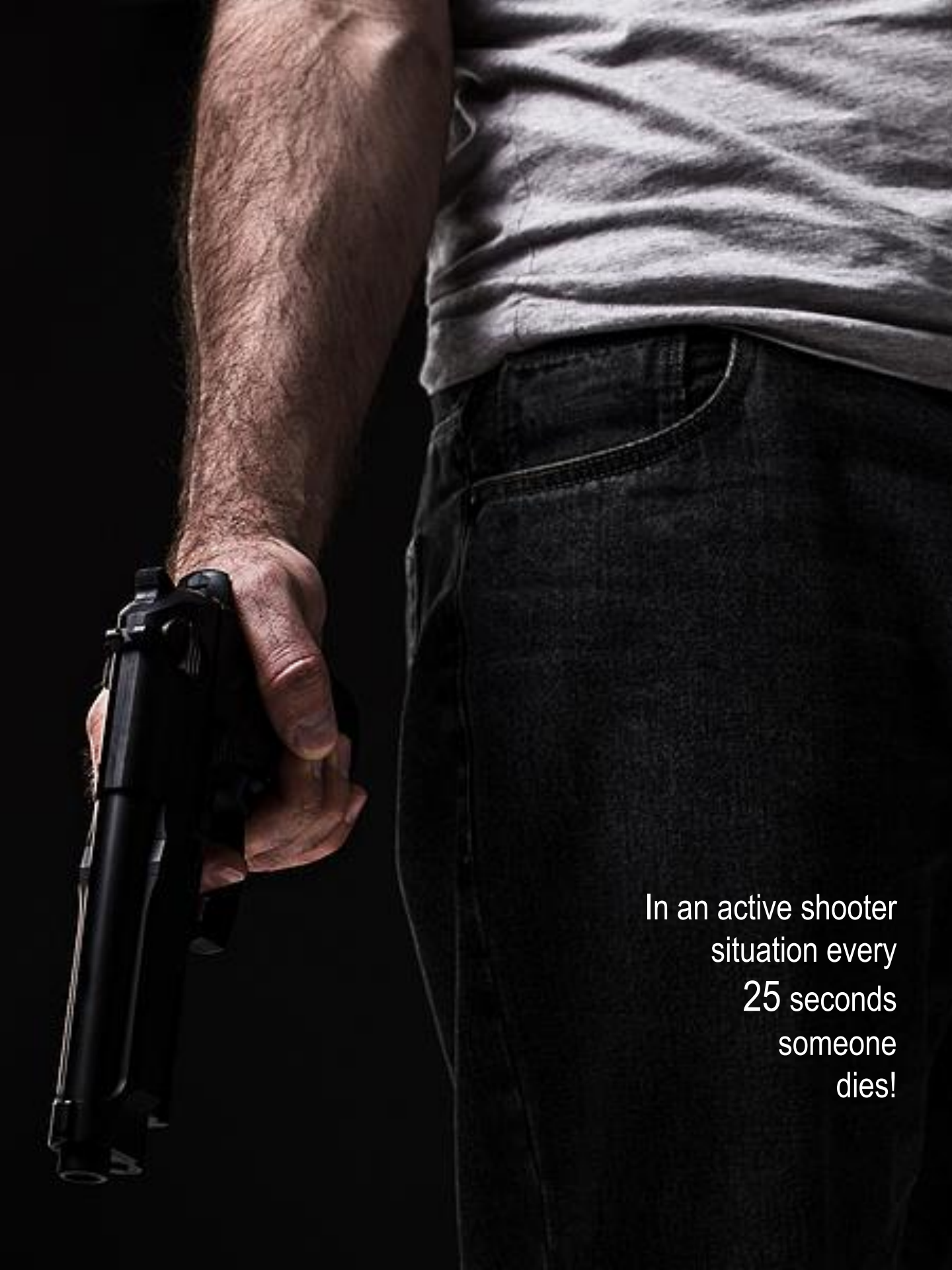
The CCW Holder's Response to Surviving An Active Shooter and other Civilian Mass Casualty Events is designed to enhance the CCW Holder's ability to survive a mass murder situation. It will introduce the participants to reality-based situations they may face in the event of an active shooting or other civilian mass casualty events. It will help CCW holders enhance their strategies and tactics around increasing their opportunities for not just surviving but prevailing in an active shooting situation, suicide bomber, hybrid target violence or other mass murder situations. We will also focus on lessons learned from San Bernardino, Paris, Charleston, Boston, Kenya Mall and other mass casualty events both inside the United States and from around the world. This course has both a classroom and live fire component.

While the course is designed for CCW Holders it also has direct relevance for protection specialists and security personnel working in civilian, non-military and permissive or non permissive environments. The tactics, techniques and procedures are focused on recognition and defense against small arms fire (handgun or rifles), IEDS, and Incendiary devices.

Below are some of the topics we will cover:

- Understanding Active Shooters, Suicide Bombers and Hybrid Targeted Violence
- Recognizing Danger
- Identifying Accomplices
- Handgun Fundamentals - Running Gun
- Effective Utilization of Cover and Concealment
- Improvised Armor
- Dealing with Multiple Adversaries
- Solo Operations
- Family Dynamics
- Small Team Tactics
- Holding Your Position
- Taking Ground
- Tactical Escape
- Moving to the Sound of Gunfire
- Managing Moral Dilemmas
- Interacting with Law Enforcement





In an active shooter
situation every
25 seconds
someone
dies!

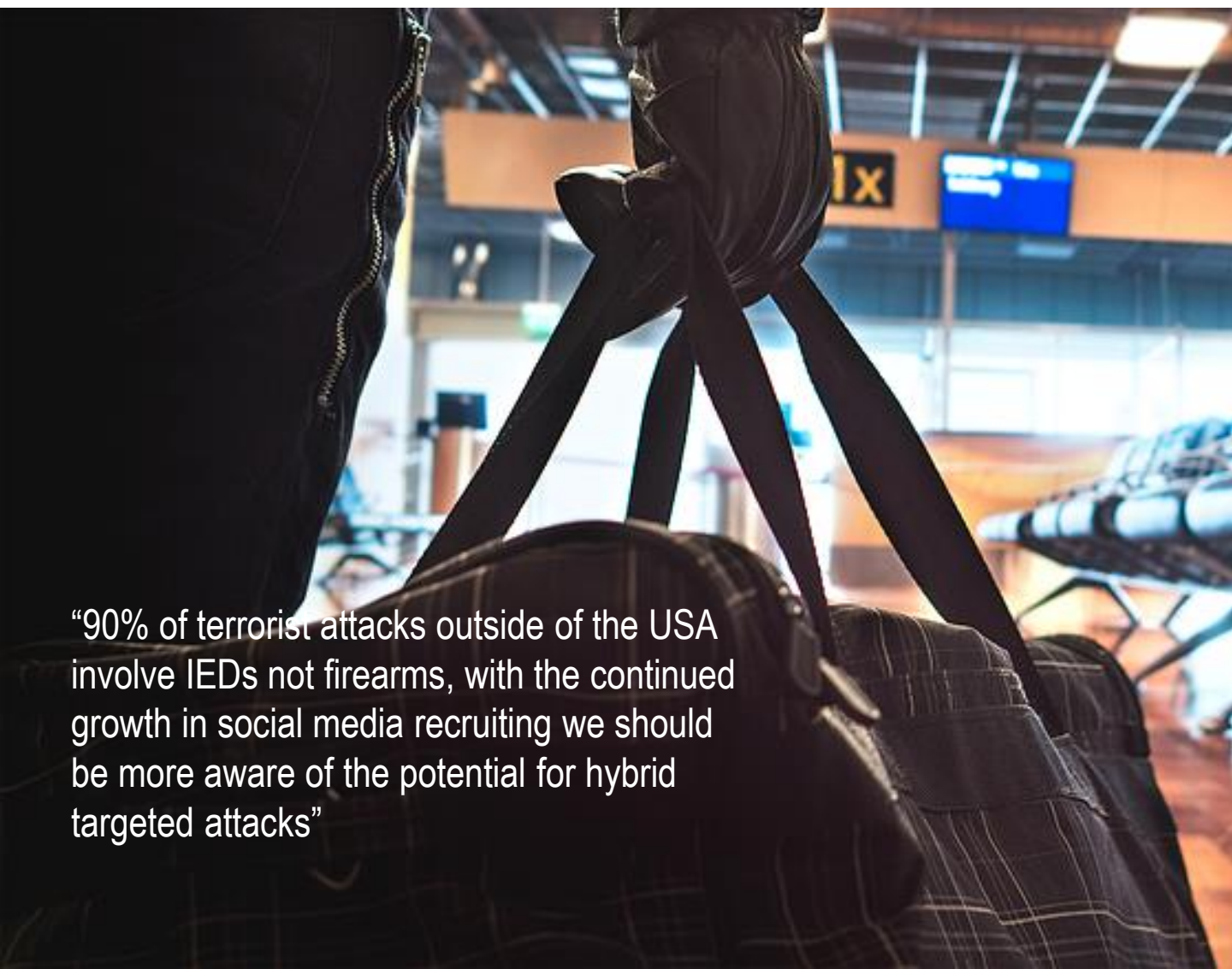
What you will need

Requirements: Pistol (bring the handgun you normally carry for everyday carry); holster (no shoulder holsters please); 3 magazines; magazine holders; cover garment, ear and eye protection, kneepads not required but highly recommended..

Ammunition: Approximately 200 rounds

Additional Considerations: Bring your lunch, water, Gatorade etc.

Course length 8 hours



“90% of terrorist attacks outside of the USA involve IEDs not firearms, with the continued growth in social media recruiting we should be more aware of the potential for hybrid targeted attacks”

“Remember if it goes bad you
are the initial first responder.”



Defensive Shotgun – Mastering the Versatility

This course is designed to help crack the code around the mystery, mystique and often miscommunication about the modern shotgun. Whether you are active military, law enforcement or a private citizen this course will help you enhance your understanding of how to maximize the effectiveness of this incredible tool. While self preservation is often about a mindset, the mindset without practical defensive training is hallucination. This is not a basic course and is not designed for beginners. It will introduce participants to realistic situations they will potentially face in their day-to-day environment. Some of the topics we will cover are:

- Selecting a Shotgun
- Understanding Patterning or Spread
- Engagement Zones
- Understanding Ammunition
- Shotgun Marksmanship Fundamentals
- Carry Positions
- Fighting Positions
- Maintaining continuity of Fire
(tactical and emergency reloading)
- Ammunition Transitioning
- Weapons Transitioning
- Searches
- Dealing with multiple adversaries
- Introduction to the effective use of Cover
- Weapons retention
- Injured Operator Techniques
- Shotgun Accessories

This is up close and personal training designed to help you increase your ability to defend your life or that of a loved one or associate. What you will need:

Requirements: Shotgun (Pump or Semi-automatic); sling; back up handgun with holster and magazine carrier (if you have one); ammo carrier (butt mounted, receiver mounted, ammo belt or pouch); ear and eye protection.

Ammunition: Approximately 300 rounds shotgun (minimum) 50 rounds handgun
-200 rounds birdshot
-50 rounds 00 Buckshot
-25 slugs
-50 rounds of handgun ammo if you are bringing a back up handgun



Course length:

8 hours

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“What I really like about the shotgun is double tap is usually not required!”

“While everyone has fallen in love with the carbine, the shotgun is still a very versatile and devastating weapon particularly at short range.”



Executive Protection Firearms Training – Defining Distance

This course is designed to enhance your personal defensive firearm and combatives skills while protecting a client. The course is not designed for beginners. It will introduce the participants to reality-based situations they may face in their day-to-day protective environment. The majority of the training will be done from concealment as that is the way Executive Protection Agents typically work. Some of the topics we will potentially cover are:

- Running the Gun
- Enhancing the draw
- Natural Body Indexing
- Dynamic Fighting Positions
- Dealing with Malfunctions
- Movement, Cover and Concealment
- Fighting with one hand
- Injured agent countermeasures
- Pre-Incident Indicators
- Locating and Neutralizing the threat
- Hostage Negotiation and Rescue
- Extreme Close Quarter Engagement
- Protective Strategies and Distances
- Engaging the Threat with a Client
- Evacuating your client under fire
- Team Engagement
- Weapons retention and disarming

This is up close and personal training designed to help increase your ability to survive a deadly force encounter and increase your ability to defend the life of a client or team member.

What you will need:

Requirements: Pistol (bring the handgun you normally carry for protective services); holster (no shoulder holsters please); 3 magazines; magazine holders; cover garment (open front and close front), edged weapon (knife) or impact flashlight, ear and eye protection, kneepads not required but highly recommended.

Ammunition: Approximately 300 rounds

Additional Considerations: Bring your lunch, water, Gatorade etc.

Course length: 8 - 14 hours



A photograph showing two men from behind as they run on a gravel path. The man on the left is wearing a light blue and white patterned t-shirt and dark blue jeans. The man on the right is wearing a dark blue long-sleeved shirt, olive green cargo pants, black boots, a tan baseball cap, and large headphones. They are running towards a background of dry, brownish vegetation. The text "All attacks happen at the same time NOW!" is overlaid in white, with "NOW!" in a larger font, and "Gavin de Becker" is written below it in a smaller font.

“All attacks happen at the same time
NOW!”

Gavin de Becker

Vehicle Gun Fighting

This course is designed to enhance your situational awareness and build effective firearm and combatives skills while engaging a threat in and around your vehicle. We teach you tactical considerations for escaping or engaging. This is an intermediate level course and is not designed for beginners. We teach you how to fight from in, around or under your vehicle. We will introduce the participants to reality-based situations they may face in their day-to-day environment. Some of the topics we will potentially cover are:

- Understanding Time, Space and Distance
- Understanding Choke Points
- Escaping the Kill Zone
- Understanding Ballistics
- Understanding Disorientation
- Vehicle Preparation
- Vehicle Survival Techniques
- Understanding Penetration
- Understanding Lead and Lag
- Engaging the threat in, around and under your vehicle
- Effective use of Cover
- Shooting through Glass
- Panel Penetration
- High Power Weapons and Vehicles
- Escaping from a disabled Vehicle
- Anti-Carjacking Techniques (empty hand)



This is up close and personal training designed to help increase your ability to survive a deadly force encounter and increase your ability to defend your life, that of a client or team member within the context of a vehicle. What you will need:

Requirements: Pistol (bring your every day carry handgun); holster (no shoulder holsters please); ladies please also bring your concealment purse; 3 magazines; magazine holders; tactical clothing or jeans, cover garment for concealment, supportive shoes or boots, sturdy belt, ear and eye protection, kneepads not required but highly recommended.



Requirements: Pistol (bring your every day carry handgun); holster (no shoulder holsters please); ladies please also bring your concealment purse; 3 magazines; magazine holders; tactical clothing or jeans, cover garment for concealment, supportive shoes or boots, sturdy belt, ear and eye protection, kneepads not required but highly recommended.

Ammunition: Approximately 250 rounds

Additional Considerations: Bring your lunch, water, Gatorade etc.

Course length: 8 hours



First Aid Under Fire – Immediate Life Support & Trauma Management

This course is designed to teach protection specialists and civilians working in hostile non-military or non-permissive environments the basics of field expedient first aid in tactical situations. These emergencies may be the result of an active shooter or a violent assault where immediate life support and stabilization is required to sustain the life of the client, team member, family member or associate until medical resources arrive.

The techniques featured in this course are focused on edged weapon, ballistic and blast type injuries resulting from exposure to violent assaults or other deadly force situations in a rural, suburban or urban environments. Some of the topics we will cover are:

- Tactical First Aid Overview
- Critical Considerations for Bodyguards and Civilian responders and scene safety
- Interacting with First Responders (Law Enforcement and EMTs)
- Differences between traditional civilian first aid and tactical first aid
- Destination selection
- Stages of Patient Care outlined in the US Military Tactical Combat Casualty Care (TCCC) guidelines
- Tools of the Trade
- Conducting the Trauma Assessment
- Treating Massive Hemorrhaging
- Managing Patient Airway
- Treating Respiratory Challenges
- Treating Circulation Challenges
- Mitigating Shock and Hypothermia
- Neutralizing the Threat
- Suppression Fire
- Patient Extraction
- Practical exercises and practical exercises under fire



This is up close and personal training designed to increase your ability to survive a deadly force encounter, provide immediate life support and stabilization to a client, team member, family member or associate. What you will need:

Requirements: Handgun (bring the handgun you normally carry for protective services or personal protection); holster (no shoulder holsters please); 3 magazines; magazine holders; ear and eye protection, kneepads not required but highly recommended. Also please bring your existing first aid or tactical blow out kit if you have one.

Ammunition: Approximately 200 rounds

Additional Considerations: Bring your lunch, water, Gatorade etc.

Course length: 16 - 18 hours





“If you work in an at-risk profession or you carry a firearm daily, must also know how to stop the bleeding.”

Law Enforcement Combatives – Fighting at Bad Breath Distance

This course is designed to help law enforcement officers enhance their combative skills and build upon the training they have received at the academy. The course will incorporate hand to hand training, knives, improvised weapons and firearms. It focuses on engaging an adversary at bad breath distance. This course will introduce officers to realistic situations they may face in their day-to-day environment and provide them with effective countermeasures to increase their ability to stop the attack, subdue the perpetrator or defend the public.

Some of the topics we will cover are:

- Situational Awareness
- Vital Strike Areas
- Getting off the line of Attack
- Close Quarter Engagement
- Hand to Hand Techniques
- Empty Hand to Weapon Techniques
- Engaging your firearm
- Introduction to Edged Weapons
- Effective use of Lights
- Improvised Weapons
- Fighting from your back
- Fighting in tight places (cars, elevators, hallways, stairwells etc.)
- Feign Surrender
- Weapons Retention
- Weapons Disarming
- Working from Concealment

This is up close and personal training designed to help you increase your ability to defend your life or that of a fellow officer. What you will need:

Requirements: Pistol (bring your duty weapon, back up and off duty weapon), duty rig, back up gun holster and off duty concealment holster (no shoulder holsters please); 3 magazines; magazine holders; cover garment (open front and close front), edged weapon (knife), impact or duty flashlight, ASP Baton, ear and eye protection, jeans, tee shirts, BDUs or 5-11 attire and boots.

Ammunition: Approximately 150 rounds (minimum)

Additional Considerations: Bring your lunch, water, Gatorade etc.

Course length: 12 hours





“Before you can draw your firearm at contact distance, you got to first earn the right to get it into play by creating relevant separation.”

“Stop trying to commit to a lock or hold
the bad guy has already defeated,
learn to flow to the next lock.”



Urban Carbine (Intermediate Course)

This course is designed to introduce you to the effective use of the carbine or tactical rifle into the urban or suburban landscape in a nonmilitary or SWAT setting. Whether you are active military, law enforcement or a private citizen this course will help you enhance your understanding and effectiveness of this incredible tool. While self preservation is often about a mindset, the mindset without practical defensive training is hallucination. This is not a basic course and is not designed for beginners. It will introduce participants to realistic situations they will potentially face in their day-to-day environment. Some of the topics we will cover are:

- Selecting a carbine
- Proper Gear Selection
- Determining the proper zero
- Rifle Marksmanship Essentials
- Recoil Management
- Carry Positions
- Dynamic Fighting Positions
- Maintaining continuity of Fire
- Working with a partner or family member
- Searches
- Dealing with multiple adversaries
- Effective use of Cover
- Low Light Engagement
- Weapons retention

This is up close and personal training designed to help you increase your ability to defend your life or that of a loved one or associate. What you will need:

Requirements: Rifle or carbine pistol, sling; back up handgun; ammo carrier (ammo belt, pouch or tactical vest); ear and eye protection.

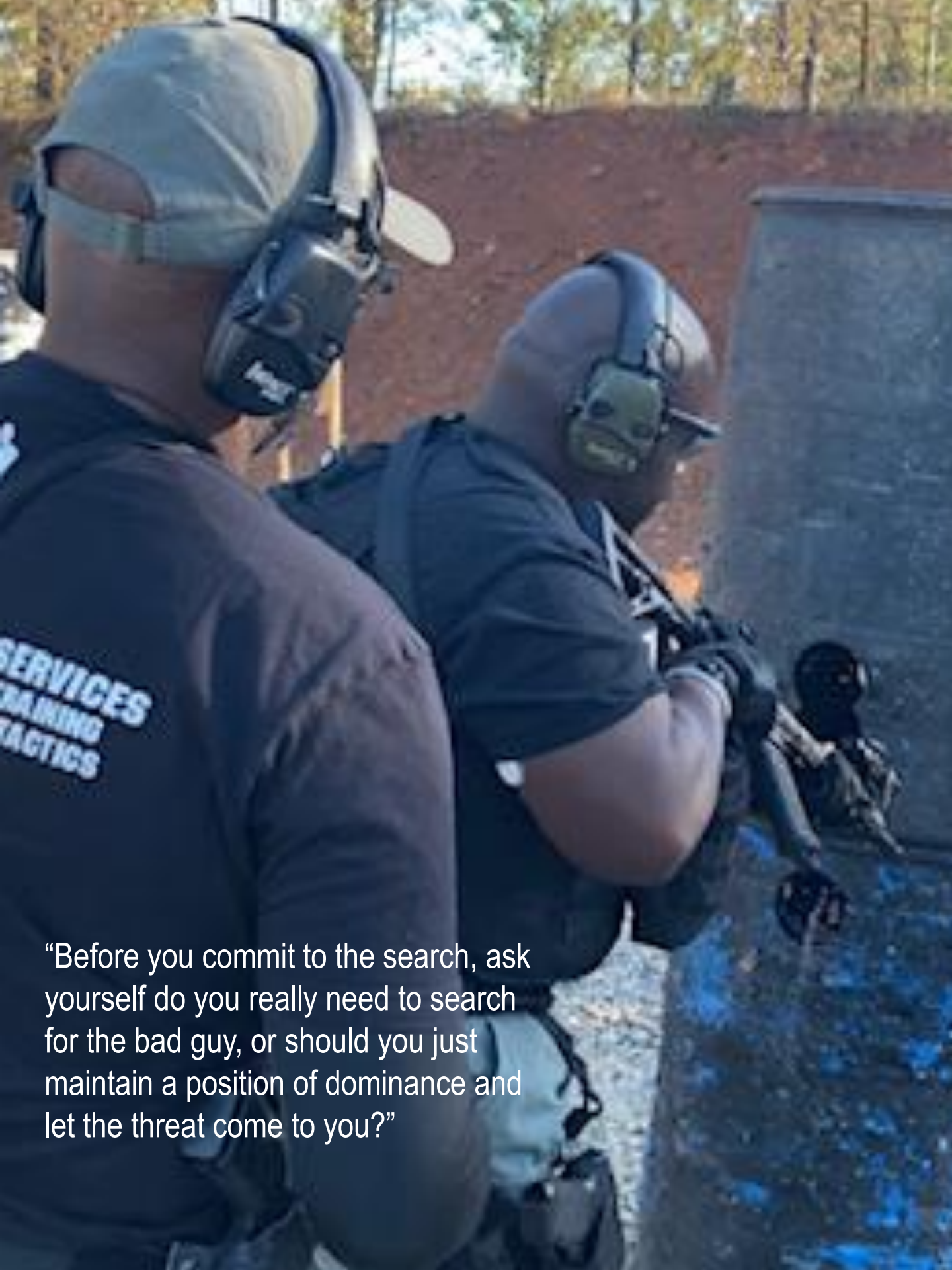
Ammunition: Approximately 300 rounds carbine and 100 rounds handgun (minimum)

Course length: 8 hours





“At Panther Protection Services
we teach you how to be your
own damn hero!”



“Before you commit to the search, ask yourself do you really need to search for the bad guy, or should you just maintain a position of dominance and let the threat come to you?”

“Since most attacks occur under low light conditions, it only makes sense to train under low light conditions!”



Urban Carbine II (Advanced Course)

This course is designed to accelerate your development with the use of the modern assault rifle, carbine or submachine gun and introduce you to the effective use of the tool into the urban or suburban landscape. This course is designed for military, law enforcement or select members of the security community. UCII will help you enhance your understanding and effectiveness of this incredible tool. While self preservation is often about a mindset, the mindset without practical defensive training is hallucination. This is an advanced level course. It will introduce you to advanced fighting tactics focused primarily on the urban landscape.

Some of the topics we will cover are:

- Zeroing your weapon
- Gear selection
- Balancing Speed and Accuracy
- Clearing Malfunctions
- Dynamic Fighting Positions
- Transitioning Weapons
- Transitioning Shoulders
- Maintaining Continuity of Fire (tactical and emergency reloading)
- Injured Operator Techniques
- Partner Cover Drills
- Dealing with multiple adversaries
- Effective use of Cover
- Fighting in and around your vehicle
- Weapon Disarming
- Low Light//Night Fighting

This is up close and personal training designed to help you increase your ability to defend your life, or client, the public or a team member. What you will need:

Requirements: Primary Weapon - Carbine Rifle sling; secondary weapon - handgun; ammo carrier (ammo belt, pouch or tactical vest); ear and eye protection.

Ammunition: Approximately 400 rounds Rifle, 100 Rounds Handgun (minimum)

Course length: 8 hours





“A weapon mounted light can be a tale of two cities. A weapon mount light allows you to keep both hands on fire control, but it also positions the light in close proximity to your vitals. Lights attract attention, attention often attracts gun fire. Know how to dominate the dark.”



“A firearm is just an inanimate piece of metal. You can use it for a paperweight or like a hammer. But if you want to use it as an efficient self-defense tool, you must train with it as such!”



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